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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax

Front Page NEWS



Join the City in Celebrating Business Appreciation Week November 17-21

Business Appreciation Week is November 17-21, and the city is celebrating by sending local ambassadors, including the Mayor and City Council, to businesses throughout the city.

This provides an opportunity for community leaders and business owners to connect and communicate with each other — and brings attention to city businesses.

To participate, contact the Economic Development Office (703-385-7851; Nicole.Hange@fairfaxva.gov).

Consumers can do their part by shopping local November 17-21 and on through the holiday season. Remember: money spent at city businesses is reinvested into our local economy.

eat local.
drink local.
buy local.



SHOP City of Fairfax

**Please see page 2 for the City of Fairfax's
November holiday closures and
refuse/recycling collection information.**

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Google Names City as the 2014 e-City for Virginia

Google Corporation has published its list of "digital capitals of America" for 2014, selecting the City of Fairfax for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In its recognition, Google observed, "The City of Fairfax Historic District is on the National Register of Historic Places, but Fairfax has a modern online presence too. The city's comprehensive website offers easy access to school issues, tax assess-

ments, and more.

Google's eCity Awards "recognize the strongest online business community in each state."

Results are based on examining the economic value provided by Google Search and AdWords, Google AdSense, and Google Ad Grants in 2013.

Information: 703-385-7850.



Advisory Referendum on Ballot for November 4 General Election

The City Charter of the City authorizes the City Council to conduct an advisory referendum on any question relating to the affairs of the city. Currently, City Councilmembers, the Mayor and the members of the School Board serve two-year terms and all of the terms run concurrently.

In 2013, the City Charter Commission recommended changing the length of terms of office from two years to four years for the City Councilmembers, the Mayor and the members of the School Board. The full report of the City Charter Commission is available in the Mayor and City Council section of the city website.

The City Council determined that a Charter change of this significance should be placed before the voters before seeking General Assembly approval for any change. On January 28, 2014, the City Council adopted a resolution to authorize proceeding with the requirements for placing an advisory referendum on the November 4, 2014, general election ballot with respect to the following question:

ADVISORY REFERENDUM

Do you support changing the length of the terms of office for City Councilmembers, the Mayor, and the members of the School Board, from the current two (2) years to four (4) years?

☐ YES ☐ NO

The results of this referendum are not binding on the City Council, and the City Council will discuss the results of the referendum, and the issue of length of terms generally, at a City Council meeting after November 4, 2014.

The City Council may decide to leave the terms for the above offices as they exist currently (i.e. two years) or request that the General Assembly change the City Charter of the City to provide for a change in the length of the terms. Any change in the City Charter will require a public hearing and formal action by the City Council prior to proceeding.

This is the only information regarding the advisory referendum that will be distributed by the city. For more information, please contact the Mayor or City Councilmembers (see back page for contact information).

City **NEWS** AND Notes

City Government Offices November Closures

Veterans Day — On November 11, city government offices will close in observance of Veterans Day, as will the General District Court. The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center and Historic Blenheim will be open and the CUE Bus will run on a modified weekday schedule November 11.

Thanksgiving — City government offices will close November 27-28 in observance of Thanksgiving, as will the General District Court.

The museum and Historic Blenheim will close November 27 and open November 28.

The CUE Bus will not run November 27 and run on a modified weekday schedule November 28.

November Holiday Refuse/ Recycling Collection Schedule

Veterans Day

- Tuesday, 11/11: no collection
- Wednesday, 11/12: regular Tuesday and Wednesday routes collected

Thanksgiving

- Monday, 11/24: regular collection
- Tuesday, 11/25: regular Tuesday and Wednesday routes collected
- Wednesday, 11/26: regular Thursday and Friday routes collected
- Thursday, 11/27: no collection
- Friday, 11/28: no collection

Information: 703-385-7837

Donate Blankets for Syrian Refugees at City Hall November 1-22

The City of Fairfax joins a regional effort, headed by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, to collect new or clean, gently used blankets for refugees who have fled Syria and other countries for Turkey.

Please drop off blankets November 1-22 in the City Hall Atrium, 10455 Armstrong Street. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Information: 703-385-7850.

Lights and Carols 'Lunch With Santa' Tickets Go On Sale November 3

Ring in the winter holidays December 6 at the Festival of Lights and Carols to be held at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Youngsters age 10 and younger can enjoy lunch with Santa Claus at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. that day. Tickets cost \$8 per child and go on sale November 3 at the Parks and Recreation Department offices in City Hall, Sherwood Center and Green Acres Center.

Activities taking place throughout the day at the Sherwood Center include a Winter Wonderland, complete with Yule Log, and the annual ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree. Information: 703-385-7858.

SafeAssured ID Kits Available November 8

The City of Fairfax Police Department, with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will prepare SafeAssured ID kits for children from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 8 at the police station, 3730 Old Lee Highway. Appointments are required: 703-273-2889.

Veterans Events Scheduled November 8, 11

The public is invited to two special events in honor of veterans.

Visit American Legion Post 177 for a flag disposal ceremony at 1 p.m. November 8 in the American Legion Hall, 3939 Oak Street.

The American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8469 and the Veterans Society of George Mason University invite the public to a Veterans Day service at 10:30 a.m. November 11 at the Veterans Amphitheater, adjacent to City Hall.

Holiday Craft Show Set for November 15-16

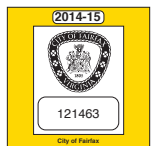
The city greets the holiday season with the annual Holiday Craft Show November 15-16. Information: 703-385-7858.

The Holiday Craft Show will fill Fairfax

High School with hundreds of crafters from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 15 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 16. Admission is \$5 each day for adults or \$8 for a two-day pass, free for children age 17 and younger.

Shuttles will be available from 9:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. November 15 from Democracy Square, 10340 Democracy Square.

Decal Enforcement Begins November 16



Decal enforcement begins November 16. Current (yellow) decals must be properly displayed on vehicles garaged in the City of Fairfax. To purchase a decal, call 703-385-7900. To register personal property, call 703-385-7880.

Fire Department Joins 'Operation Warm' Seeking New Coats For Children

The City of Fairfax Fire Department has partnered with Fairfax City Firefighters Local 2702 to be ambassadors in Operation Warm: providing new winter coats for local children living in poverty.

Financial contributions are accepted at www.operationwarm.org/fairfaxcity or by mail to Operation Warm, P.O. Box 822431, Philadelphia, PA 19182-2431; please write "Local 2702" in the check's memo line.

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Receive messages by text, e-mail, phone or mobile app.

Information: cityalert@fairfaxva.gov.

Attend Workshop for Vision of Downtown on November 6-8

The City of Fairfax community and the Mason Nation are invited to attend some or all of a three-day planning workshop to be held November 6-8 by the City of Fairfax and George Mason University.

The workshop, called a “charrette,” will explore various short- and long-term visions for the city’s historic downtown area.

Facilitated by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, the workshop will look at several aspects of downtown planning, including transportation, community

development/design issues, economic development and housing. This type of public input-based planning process has been used in other Northern Virginia communities and can be a successful way to ensure multiple viewpoints are heard.

Look for information, including a detailed agenda, on the city website (www.fairfaxva.gov/VisionFairfaxMason). Stay connected on Twitter: @VisionFfxMason. On social media, follow or use #VisionFairfaxMason.

Information: 703-385-7930.



Don't Bag It! Leaf Collection Begins November 3

The City of Fairfax will offer curbside leaf collection from November 3 through January 2, 2015.

Please rake loose leaves to the curb — but do not bag them. Bagged leaves will not be collected during curbside leaf collection; landfills will not accept them as trash.

Light yard debris (such as grass clippings and weeds) may be included in leaf piles — but not stones, branches and other large items, which may cause injury to workers and damage equipment.

The city is divided into six sections, and leaves are collected in rotation by neighborhood, so please have all leaves raked to the curb by December 26 for prompt collection.

Crews circulate through neighborhoods at least once every two weeks, often more frequently. Heavy leaf fall or inclement weather may affect leaf collection.

The city is among the only local jurisdictions to provide this service at no additional charge to its residents.

Sign up for leaf collection information on Fairfax City Alert, the city’s electronic message alert system.

Information: 703-385-LEAF.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The Public Works Department has two flyers available on the city website to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*.

Information: 703-293-7141.

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INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Vision Fairfax Mason Workshop Agenda

Thursday, November 6 - Sherwood Center

- 8:30 a.m. - Sign-in and light breakfast
- 9-10 a.m. - Introductions, Charrette Goals
- 10 - 11:45 a.m. - Virtual Tour of the Study Area and Current Activities Review
- 11:45 - 1 p.m. - Lunch and Special Presentation by Chris Leinberger “Back to the Future: Downtown Fairfax Returns as a Walkable Urban Place”
- 1-2:30 p.m. - Visioning session – Potential Issues for Discussion (Small breakout groups)
- 2:30-3 p.m. - Potential Issues Discussion Wrap-up
- 3-4:30 p.m. - Overview and discussion on the goals, issues, and opportunities identified
- 7- 9 p.m. - Evening Presentation & Discussion

Friday, November 7 - Sherwood Center

- 8:30 a.m. - Sign-in and light breakfast
- 9 - 10 a.m. - Introductions & Review of Goals Overview of Thursday sessions
- 10 a.m. to noon - Refining the issues and opportunities (Small breakout groups)
- noon to 1 p.m. - Working Lunch - Summary & Discussion of Implementation Strategy
- 1-2 p.m. - Closing Comments

Saturday, November 8 City Hall

- 8:30 a.m. - Sign-in and light breakfast
- 9-11 a.m. - Initial Presentation by Consultants
- 11 a.m. to noon - Public Input & Discussion
- 1:30 - 3 p.m. - Final Presentation by Consultants (*televised; see page 5*)

General Election to be Held November 4

Important dates and information:

- November 1: last day for in-person absentee voting
(*General Registrar’s Office open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and Saturday, November 1*)
- November 4: polls open from 6 am to 7 pm; results posted on Cityscreen-12 and city website as available

Remember: bring acceptable, valid photo identification to polls

Information: www.fairfaxva.gov • GeneralRegistrar@fairfaxva.gov • 703-385-7890



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Partial Real Estate Tax Exemptions Available; Ends December 31

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption before any construction begins (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted). The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished. *Applications are being accepted through December 31, 2014.* Information: 703-385-7840.

New Recycling Center Bins Cost Less, Hold More

The City of Fairfax is going small to get big returns. The Operations Division hired Waste Management to replace the existing four large dumpsters at the City of Fairfax Recycling Center with a dozen smaller dumpsters.

These containers, which are easier to use and do not require pre-sorting, will be emptied three times per week. This is expected to increase the volume of recycling materials by 15 percent and save the city \$5,000 a year.

The Recycling Center, located at 3410 Pickett Road, is open 24 hours. Information: 703-385-7995.

Be Prepared: Winter Weather Has Special Procedures

With winter comes the possibility of snowfall, ice storms and water main breaks. City workers do everything possible to provide service during weather emergencies.

Snow, Ice Removal — The city is among the few area jurisdictions to plow its own roads. Public Works Department crews work around the clock to make city streets passable during a snowstorm.

Property owners are asked to clean snow from their own driveways and sidewalks in front of their properties. *Pile snow to the right side of the driveway (while facing the street) so city trucks can push it away from the driveway when they pass.*

Please remove snow from around fire hydrants so the fire department can find them when needed.

Water Main Breaks — In the event of a water main break in underground pipes, Fairfax Water temporarily shuts off water service to surrounding buildings while workers repair the problem. To report water main breaks, call 703-698-5613 or e-mail watermainbreak@fairfaxwater.org.

Weather Emergency — Snow emergencies and closures are announced by the city via Cityscreen-12, the city's television station; the city News and Events Line (703-273-1776); the city's website; and Fairfax City Alerts. The city also alerts local radio and television stations. For information, call 703-385-7855 during regular business hours.

Emergency Preparation — Be prepared for weather-related emergencies with the help of the Emergency Management Office; call 703-385-4856 during regular business hours.

Real Estate Tax Bills Mailed in November; Tax Relief Available

City of Fairfax real estate tax bills will be mailed in November and are due December 5. Property owners who pay the real estate tax directly and do not receive a tax bill should call 703-385-7904. Residents who receive a real estate tax bill and whose mortgage company escrows the payment should immediately forward the bill to their mortgage company.

The city continues to offer real estate tax relief options to qualified senior citizens and homeowners with disabilities: basic tax relief, tax deferral, tax freeze, or combination tax freeze and deferral.

Disabled veterans tax exemption — Disabled veterans (or their surviving spouses) may be eligible for real estate tax exemp-

tions on their principal residences.

The veteran must have been declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.). City residents may contact the Finance Department, located in Room 312 at City Hall, for an application. For this exemption, disability documentation must come from the V.A. It is not sufficient to submit a medical certification from a private physician. To obtain required disability documentation from the V.A., complete V.A. Form 21-4138 and submit it to the V.A. office in Roanoke.

For real estate tax relief and exemption program information, visit the city's website or call 703-359-2486.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy)
- Commission for Women (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.

Volunteer!



CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Highlights from the 2014 Fall Festival

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm

Archived online: "special programming."

Available on city's YouTube channel

Election Results

Results from the city's precincts for the November 4 General Election will be posted after the City Council work session.

Vision Fairfax Mason Charrette

Saturday, November 8, 1:30 pm, LIVE



replays:

Monday, November 10, 10 am
Wednesday, November 12, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, November 14, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, November 15, 10 am
Sunday, November 16, 10 am, 7 pm
Monday, November 24, 10 am
Wednesday, November 26, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, November 28, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, November 29, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, November 30, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online November 9

Encore!

Encore musical performance, 4 pm daily.

Road to Recovery

Series produced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deals with many topics related to addiction, treatment and recovery.

10 am, 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled.

School Board



Monday, November 3, 7:30 pm, LIVE

replays:

Tuesday, November 4, 10 am
Thursday, November 6, 10 am, 7 pm
Monday, November 17, 10 am, 7 pm
Tuesday, November 18, 10 am
Thursday, November 20, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online November 4

City Council



Tuesday, November 4, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Wednesday, November 5, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, November 7, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, November 8, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, November 9, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online November 5



Tuesday, November 18, 6 pm, LIVE

replays:

Wednesday, November 19, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, November 21, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, November 22, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, November 23, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online November 19

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Planning Commission



Monday, November 10, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Tuesday, November 11, 10 am, 7 pm
Thursday, November 13, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online November 11



Monday, November 24, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Tuesday, November 25, 10 am, 7 pm
Thursday, November 27, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online November 25

Proposed Agendas: School Board, City Council, Planning Commission

School Board

Information: 703-385-7910

November 3 regular meeting and work session

- Discussion on the Legislative Agenda.
- VSBA Media Honor Roll.
- Spotlight on Learning.
- Student representative report.
- Presentation on the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program.
- Approval of the School Board Policy Manual.
- Approval of the installation of a monopole at Fairfax High School.

November 17 work session

- Presentations on: School Capacities; enrollment projections; review of budget for fiscal year 2015-16; updated Six-Year Plan.

City Council

Information: 703-385-7935

November 4 work session

- Discussion with VDOT regarding I-66

construction project.

- Discussion of the Old Town Traffic Study.
- Discussion of Roberts Road/Burke Station Road sidewalks.
- Discussion of City Snow Plowing/Removal Programs.
- Discussion of a request by Lotte Plaza for a special use permit for a grocery store and 700 trips per day in the highway corridor overlay district and associated special exceptions.
- Discussion of the Fairfax Boulevard Master Plan.
- Discussion of a proposed city services satisfaction survey.
- Discussion of the FY2014 Financial Results, FY 2015 Budget Update, Projections for FY 2016, and suggested FY 2016 Budget Guidelines.

November 18 work session and regular meeting

- Discussion of proposed 2016 Legislative Agenda.
- Resolution to approve FY 21 CMAQ/

RSTP applications.

- Consideration of a resolution amending the membership of the Environmental Sustainability Committee to add a representative of the City of Fairfax School Board.
- Public hearing on a request for renewal of a special use permit to allow an in-home daycare located at 10917 Marilta Court.
- Public hearing on a request by Lowe's for a special exception to the sign ordinance.
- Public hearing on the suggested fiscal year 2015-16 Budget Guidelines.

Planning Commission

Information: 703-385-7930

November 10 regular meeting

November 24 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

Please note: proposed agendas and other meeting information are subject to change. Please confirm prior to the meeting on the city website (www.fairfaxva.gov) or call the phone number listed.



City Council Reporter

September 23, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Introduction of a supplemental appropriation for FY15 30 percent NVTa money for the Old Town traffic study (\$14,841) project; Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign the Standard Project Agreement with Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) for FY14 NVTa 70 percent funding; Consideration of a resolution to cancel the Roadway Reconstruction Project (Route 50-Draper Drive to Fairfax Circle), designate the Kamp Washington project as a "revenue sharing project" and reallocate revenue sharing funds from the Roadway Reconstruction project to the Kamp Washington project.

Public hearings

- Deferred to October 14 the public hearing on a request for a special exception for 9400-9490 Main Street (Pickett Shopping Center) to allow building mounted signage in a shopping center.
- Approved, 5-1, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$25,000 to conduct a planning workshop ("charrette") for downtown in collaboration with the Northern Virginia Regional

Commission and George Mason University. *(In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Greenfield, Meyer, Miller and Schmidt; opposed: Councilmember Loftus.)*

- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution for the Capital Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.
- Approved, 5-1, to adopt a resolution authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute a payment agreement in an amount not to exceed \$19 million to satisfy the city's obligation due to Fairfax County Water Authority pursuant to the terms of the January 3, 2014 Asset Purchase Agreement and Promissory Note. *(In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Greenfield, Meyer, Miller and Schmidt; opposed: Councilmember Loftus.)*
- Approved, 5-1, an appropriation resolution in the amount not to exceed \$19 million to satisfy the city's obligation due to Fairfax County Water Authority pursuant to the terms of the January 3, 2014 Asset Purchase Agreement and Promissory Note. *(In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Greenfield, Meyer, Miller and Schmidt; opposed: Councilmember Loftus.)*

October 14, 2014

Consent agenda

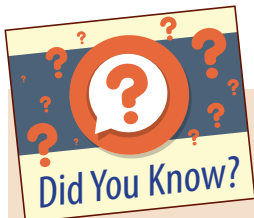
- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of a resolution to approve the Virginia Department of Transportation FY 16 Revenue Sharing applications; Consideration of a Task Order to Volkert Inc. for project inspection and oversight consultant services for the Jermantown Road improvements project (Phase II); Consideration of the 2015 city special event run requests pursuant to City Council Road Race and Road Closure Policy.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, on a request for a special exception for 9400-9490 Main Street (Pickett Shopping Center) to allow building-mounted signage in a shopping center, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$14,841 for the transfer of NVTa 30 percent monies from the Transportation Tax Fund to the Downtown Fund to fund the Old Town Traffic Study.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, award of contract to Ardent Company for \$2,155,100 for Jermantown Road improvements project (Phase II).



City Uses Hydrodemolition for Cement Repair on Fairfax Boulevard



Photos by
David Summers and
Chris Fow Cohen,
City of Fairfax

The City of Fairfax is one of the first jurisdictions in Northern Virginia to use hydrodemolition for concrete removal. Information: 703-385-7810.

The bridge on Route 50/

Fairfax Boulevard, east of Rebel Run, had only a quarter inch of concrete covering the rebar metal structure of the bridge. Traditional milling could have damaged the rebar and required more expensive repairs.

Instead, over two weekends, the city's contractors used hydrodemolition, where high-powered water jets (*far left, above*) removed only the damaged concrete (*far left, below*), leaving the rebar intact and undamaged. The city then used laytex-modified concrete (*left*), which sets much more quickly than traditional concrete. This durable surface is dry and ready to use by vehicles within three hours.



Community Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703-585-7855
 City News and Events 703-273-1776
 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS
 City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227
 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560
 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414
 George Mason University Events 703-993-1056

Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1056

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Last day to vote absentee in-person
 W.T. Woodson Drama Department White Christmas sneak preview, 11 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library
 City of Fairfax Band: Heroes, Villains and Legends, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School

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Curbside leaf collection begins
 Lunch with Santa tickets go on sale
 Mr. Skip, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall
 School Board work session and regular meeting, 6:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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General Election — polls open from 6 am to 7 pm
 City Council work session, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim
 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

5

Bilingual Storytime, 4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: 3-5)
 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Green Acres Center

6

Toddler Time, 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: 2-3)
 Vision Fairfax Mason Workshop, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, 7-9 pm, Sherwood Center
 City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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Vision Fairfax Mason Workshop, 8:30 am to 2 pm, Sherwood Center
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Vision Fairfax Mason Workshop, 8:30 am to noon, 1:30-3 pm, City Hall Annex
 SafeAssured ID Program, 10 am to 3 pm, Police Station (reservations: 703-273-2889)
 Vision Fairfax Mason final presentation, 1:30 pm

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Second Sunday Series: Not Forgotten: The Story of the Offerings at the Wall, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim (please note location)

10

PJ Library Buddies, 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: 6 months to 5 years)
 Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Veterans Day: City government offices closed; General District Court closed; Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open; Historic Blenheim open; CUE Bus on modified weekday schedule; **refuse and recycling not collected**
 Veterans Day service, 10:30 am, Veterans Amphitheater (rain or shine)

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Tuesday and Wednesday refuse and recycling routes collected
 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center
 Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

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Mother Goose Storytime, 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: birth to 23 months)
 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Fairfax Art League reception, 7 pm, Old Town Hall

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Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
 Beau Soir Trio, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

15

Microsoft Word instruction, 2:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: adults)
 Holiday Craft Show, 10 am to 5 pm, Fairfax High School

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Vehicle decal enforcement begins
 Holiday Craft Show, 10 am to 3 pm, Fairfax High School

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Peter McCarty, 10:30 am, Sherwood Center (please note location)
 Tales to Tails, 4:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: 6-12)
 School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School

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Tales to Tails, 4:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: 6-12)
 City Council Work Session and Meeting, 6 pm, City Hall Annex
 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center

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Bilingual Storytime, 4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: 3-5)
 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Sherwood Center (please note location)
 Tales to Tails, 4:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: 6-12)
 City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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How to Train Your Dragon 2, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Tales to Tails, 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: 6-12)
 Brother Against Sister: Rape in the Civil War, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

Celebrate City of Fairfax Business Appreciation Week!

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Monday refuse and recycling routes collected
 Music and Movin' with Miss Susan, 10:30 am, 11:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library (age: 6 months to 5 years)
 Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Tuesday and Wednesday refuse and recycling routes collected

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Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling routes collected

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Thanksgiving:
 • City government offices closed
 • General District Court closed
 • **Refuse/recyclables are not collected**
 • No CUE Bus service
 • Museum, Blenheim closed

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Thanksgiving holiday:
 • City government offices closed
 • General District Court closed
 • **Refuse/recyclables not collected**
 • CUE Bus on a modified weekday schedule
 • Museum, Blenheim open

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Small Business Saturday



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City Happenings

History Talks Planned

Listen to Megan Leining discuss the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC in "Not Forgotten: The Story of the Offerings at the Wall" at 2 p.m. November 9 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-385-8414.

Author Kim Murphy discusses the sensitive issue of "Brother Against Sister: Rape in the Civil War" at 2 p.m. November 22 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. Information: 703-591-0560.

Performance Series Continues

The Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series continues November 14 with the *Beau Soir Trio - Music for Flute, Viola & Harp* and December 12 with *Ensemble PVS - Folk to Art: Edvard Grieg*.

The free concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Information: 703-352-ARTS.

Chocolate Lovers Grant Applications Accepted

The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee is accepting applications through November 14 from eligible non-profit organizations for the 2015 Chocolate Lovers Festival grant.

The grant recipient will receive a portion of proceeds from the Chocolate Lovers Festival to be held February 7-8, 2015 (*please note the date*). For an application, visit www.chocolatefestival.net or call 703-385-7949.

Cinema Series Continues November 21; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *How to Train Your Dragon 2* for free at 7 p.m. November 21 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

Support the Fire Department Benevolent Fund: Run November 27

Run for firefighters in the inaugural Fairfax Turkey Trot, set for 9 a.m. November 27 and stepping off from Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive. Proceeds benefit the City of Fairfax Firefighters Benevolent Fund. Register online at <http://www.runpacers.com/race/fairfax-turkey-trot>.

Start Holiday Shopping at City Gift Shops

Start holiday shopping with Fairfax memorabilia at city gift shops, such as books by local authors, Civil War-related books and gifts, Fairfax and Virginia souvenirs, White House Christmas ornaments and more.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center gift shop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (*except major holidays*); 703-385-8414.

The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (*except major holidays*); 703-591-0560.